



Teresa Stone, RHIT Bio – Nominee for 2021 Treasurer

I have been the secretary of the NIHIMA Executive Board since I began volunteering in 2015. I have helped the board transition NIHIMA from a paper-based organization to the electronic record base we have today. I have volunteered for several organizations in my adult life including being the secretary for Merrillville's Babe Ruth Little League for 2 seasons, a den leader for Local Troop 47 Cub Scouts for 4 years as well as an assistant troop leader. Each experience has taught me organization, patience, and leadership in its own way. I love being a part of something bigger than myself and helping others grow.

I am a 2014 graduate of Indiana University Northwest's HIM program. I began my career in Health Information Management in 2013 with Porter-Starke, where I started in release of information. After graduation, I worked with the inpatient charts, coding, creating the paper chart and reviewing them for quality control. In the fall of 2014, I began working for Community Healthcare System at Munster Community Hospital in the Risk Management/Quality Control department. In 2015, I added coding for Methodists Hospitals as a PRN employee to my workload where I mainly coded outpatient diagnostic charts in the evenings. In 2016 I had to give up my position at Community Hospital to focus on personal family matters and primarily worked as a PRN coder for Methodist Hospitals.

Working from home allowed me to care for my second grandchild who was born with a mild birth defect and help my mother and sister take care of my father who was suffering with cancer. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to be able to work from home when I needed it most. I currently work full-time at Methodist Hospitals coding mainly inpatient charts.

I love being a part of the NIHIMA board and meeting new people in our profession. I look forward to many more years of volunteering and helping this organization to grow. I am excited with the direction we are headed in and the long way we have come.